CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 22.09.2015:

The President Paul Elliot opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 20 members present. He invited **Michael Farrant** to give his presentation on **Zanzibar.**

Michael gave a brief outline of the geography, history and population of Zanzibar, which is made up of two islands – Zanzibar and Pemba – off the coast of East Africa. The British post office was opened in 1875 using Indian stamps. In 1889 the French opened a post office using French stamps overprinted with Annas and later with Zanzibar. In 1895 it became the Sultan's post using the existing stamps overprinted with Zanzibar but these were eventually replaced by stamps showing the head of the Sultan.

Michael showed a variety of stamps up to 1963 all on cover. The display contained postcards, postal stationery, registered envelopes, pre-printed material and wrappers. In 1963 Zanzibar gained independence and a special stamp was issued but soon after it joined Tanzania and thus the Zanzibar stamps ceased to be issued and were replaced by stamps of Tanzania.

The President gave a vote of thanks to Michael for his interesting presentation and members were able to view the displays. The meeting closed at 21.30 hours

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